

In closing, Applicants appreciate Examiner Edmondson indicating that claims 18-23 and 25-30 are allowed. For the reasons explained above, however, it is believed that claims 24 and 31-33 are also in condition for allowance.

If Examiner Edmondson believes that further contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, she is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,



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